



PARENT INTERVIEWS (P1 – P7) 14- 16 NOVEMBER 2022

School will close at 12.30 pm (P1 - P3 and older siblings) and 12.45 pm (P4 - P7) to facilitate Parent Interviews on these days. We will provide an early school dinner. **NO 123 Club on these days.**

EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15 AM - 8.45AM

This club continues to be popular and costs £1.50 a day for any child wishing to attend. Money payable on SchoolMoney App. Please phone the office if you have any issues getting booked in.

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITES

In the past we have been made aware of the upset caused by children feeling 'left out' when party invitations are distributed in class and all of one gender are not invited. This upset hinders children's ability to focus on their learning and puts teachers in a difficult position. Our priority is children's happiness, contentment at school and their progress in learning. Please be aware of our school policy as follows:

PARTY INVITATIONS IN SCHOOL

Party invitations should only be given out during the school day when all of the same gender in a class, or the whole class are being invited.

Obviously parents may still arrange smaller parties outside of school hours by texting parents or delivering invites outside of school. Thank you for your understanding.

PACKED LUNCHES AT SCHOOL

We encourage healthy lunches in school. Packaged, sweet, processed foods should be kept to a minimum. For ideas of healthy options please see the DE Healthy Lunchbox leaflet on the school website.

HEALTHY BREAKS in SCHOOL

We encourage healthy breaks in school and do not allow children to bring in crisps, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars for break. If you decide not to book your child in for a school snack then please send in a healthy break e.g. bread, crackers and cheese, fruit or yoghurt. We want to encourage a healthy diet.

Welcome to a new term at Woods PS. We are delighted to have 23 P1 pupils join us and we hope that they will all settle quickly into school life. We are thankful for our dedicated staff team and want them to know how much we appreciate all that they do. We are fortunate to have such a capable staff team.

This year we are returning to a more normal pre-covid routine and school calendar. However, we are mindful that the autumn and winter months could present challenges as flu and illnesses circulate as well as COVID. We will be encouraging regular hand washing and good hygiene in school.

Good attendance is a key factor in children's achievement and progress so parents should make every effort to have their child in school each day unless they are sick.

Parents should keep their child at home if they have a temperature or are feeling very unwell. If your child is sick and will not be attending school, please telephone the office or email us to let us know. Staff will make every effort to keep missed work for your child during periods of absence. This will be sent home on the first day of return to school. Please remember that there is nothing that can fully replicate the classroom experience and some practical work is impossible to send home.

Finally, we want to thank parents for their continued support and the excellent presentation of pupils in their uniform. We will all work together to ensure that everyone will have an enjoyable and successful school year at Woods P.S.

School Photographer Visiting Woods PS Make sure you are looking your best!



Wednesday 7 September @9am for a whole school photo
Tuesday 11 October - Individual and family group photos to be taken today. Parents must sign up online to give consent for their child's photo to be taken in school.
Details will be sent out closer to the date.

Photography Policy 2022 Please read the school photography policy sent home in your child's schoolbag and sign and return to school ASAP but not later than 7 September 2022. Thank you!

After School Clubs 2022

Days	Dates	Activity 1	Activity 2
Monday	12 Sept-24 Oct (7 weeks)	Coaching by '33 Activities' P5- 7	
Tuesday			
Wednesday	7 Sept – 19 October (6 weeks) Not 28 September	Lego Club P4 & P5	
Thursday	8 Sept – 27 Oct (8 weeks)	P7 Transfer Club	P4-6 Multi-sport with Lisa (8 weeks)

Parents must sign up and give consent for their child to attend the club on SchoolMoney App. In SchoolMoney App parents will see the club that their child can attend and must add it to the basket to pay and confirm the place.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

We would appreciate it if any parents paying After School/123/Early Bird clubs by voucher would itemize these clubs and name the child on their payment.

P5 Swimming Sessions (Term1) commences Friday 9 September for 10 weeks. Payment via SchoolMoney. P6 & P7 Swim Term 2 & 3. Please note that unfortunately bus costs has increased this year.

PE UNIFORM

This should be sent to school in a named bag ASAP for P4-7

- Sky blue round neck t-shirt with motif (available at RA Cuddy)
- Navy shorts
- Navy track bottoms/leggings for cooler weather
- Black plimsols for indoor PE lessons. Trainers will only be needed for certain outdoor activities and you will be notified when they are required.

We would remind all parents to name each item of PE Kit, uniform and coats to avoid confusion and help to prevent loss.

P1-3 pupils will only change into PLIMSOLS for indoor PE lessons in the hall. Girls may bring a pair of shorts to put on under their skirt for PE lessons. These may be kept in a named PE bag in school.

VISITING OUR SCHOOL

The Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy states that all visitors should sign in at the office when entering the building.

If you need to talk to the teacher, please phone the office to speak to Mrs Clements to arrange a suitable time to visit school or phone and have a chat with a teacher. Thank you for your support.

P7 Transfer Interviews

Thurs 13 & Frid 14 Oct 2022 9-3pm
Please complete the reply slip attached if you wish to receive an appointment to speak to Miss McQuillan (P7 Teacher)

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME 2022

P1-7 will be going on a Christmas trip to the GRAND OPERA HOUSE, BELFAST on Wednesday 14 Dec 2022 to see 'Cinderella'. The children always enjoy this whole school trip which adds to their Christmas excitement. Due to increased bus and ticket cost we have to charge £20 per child to be paid on the SchoolMoney App BEFORE Friday 30 September. ALTERATIONS TO NUMBERS CANNOT BE MADE AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT on 30 Sept 22. Please ensure that you also give your consent on the SchoolMoney App. Thanks.

ECO WORK AT WOODS



Recycling Batteries We can recycle old household batteries at school. If you have any, please send them into school and put them in the red collection box at the front door.

Recycling Textiles We invite all families to recycle textiles (clothing, bags, shoes) in the clothing bank at the school gate. This raises funds for our school and helps us to maintain our ECO Schools status.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS P1-7

THE SCHOOL NURSE TEAM WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER IN THE SCHOOL HALL TO ADMINISTER THE FLU IMMUNISATIONS P1-7. MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD CLOSER TO THE TIME.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): TESTING AND STAY AT HOME ADVICE IN RELATION TO CHILDREN

IF A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT, THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME AND AVOID CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE FOR THREE DAYS AFTER THE DAY THEY TOOK THE TEST OR FROM THE DAY THEIR SYMPTOMS STARTED (WHICHEVER WAS EARLIEST).

AFTER THREE DAYS, IF THEY FEEL WELL AND DO NOT HAVE A HIGH TEMPERATURE, THEY CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL AS THE RISK OF PASSING THE INFECTION ON TO OTHERS IS LOWER. THIS IS BECAUSE CHILDREN TEND TO BE INFECTIOUS TO OTHER PEOPLE FOR LESS TIME THAN ADULTS.

CHILDREN WHO USUALLY GO TO SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE AND WHO LIVE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS A POSITIVE CORONAVIRUS TEST RESULT SHOULD CONTINUE TO ATTEND AS NORMAL.

YOU CAN KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH COVID GUIDANCE ON NI DIRECT

ALLERGIES

IF YOUR CHILD DEVELOPS A FOOD ALLERGY OR A NEW MEDICAL NEED AT ANY TIME PLEASE LET US KNOW.

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT WE ARE A NUT AND KIWI AWARE SCHOOL. THIS MEANS WE HAVE CHILDREN WHO HAVE ALLERGIES TO NUTS AND KIWI IN SCHOOL SO WE DISCOURAGE ANYONE IN OUR SCHOOL FROM BRINGING THEM INTO SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

P7 PARENTS – TRANSFER INFORMATION

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL IS 2.00 PM ON FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022. THE PPTC ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS IN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS WILL BE HELD IN RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL ON SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022.



EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURES POLICY (In the event of extreme weather)

An exceptional closure is unplanned, and is due to unforeseen circumstances such as adverse weather conditions, power failure, or situations which affect the safety of pupils and staff.

In times of extreme weather, such as a heavy snowfall, the Principal will consider and carry out a risk assessment based on the following issues:

- Transport – Can buses, meal deliveries etc. reach the school, particularly if the unforeseen circumstances affect a large proportion of pupils?
- Can pupils and staff access the school building safely?
- Can pupils and staff be evacuated in an emergency?
- In an emergency, could the Emergency Services access the school?
- Is the area designated for disembarkation from transport safe for pupils?
- If a limited number of staff and pupils can attend, is the pupil teacher ratio acceptable?

The Principal will endeavour to make a decision at the earliest possible time. Decisions the night before can only be taken when all the indications are that adverse conditions will continue overnight.

Every effort will be made by the School to ensure that the grounds and building are safe for use.

Should continuing severe weather conditions throughout the school day impact further on the risk assessment then a decision to close early will be communicated to parents and staff at the earliest possible time.

We would appreciate every reasonable effort by staff to get to work. It is essential that staff and parents/carers keep in communication with the school as to their current position.

In the event of school closure, the following procedures will be followed:

- 1. A note placed on the School website front page.**
- 2. A text to a parent's mobile phone number (please always ensure that the school is aware of any changes to your mobile phone or contact details).**
- 3. If we decide to close early, a text or telephone call from the school.**
- 4. If in doubt, please phone the school in the morning to check it is open before leaving your home.**

It is always very important that parents make informed decisions on the safety of their children travelling on dangerous roads regardless of whether the school is open or closed. Please do what is safe for your own family on extreme weather days.

Parents should not post details of school closures on social media sites.

Inaccurate information can quickly circulate in the community.

PRE-ADMISSION FORM

Education Authority policy dictates that all schools should make a 3-year financial plan. To assist us in making this as accurate as possible it would be very helpful to have a more accurate idea of future enrolment trends. With this in mind we are asking you to complete the attached pre-admission form and return it to the school office ASAP. If you know of any family, friends or neighbours who are considering sending their child to Woods Primary School it would be greatly appreciated if you could give them this form or ask them to contact the school so they can be added to our pre-admission list.

Please note that this form is for our information only and in the January of the year your child is to start school an official form must still be filled in online.

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**WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRE-ADMISSION FORM**

**Together we Learn
Together we Achieve**

PARENT'S NAME	ADDRESS	CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

PARENTS WILLING TO HELP VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL e.g. FOOTBALL, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, SUPERVISE ON TRIPS, GARDENING

Name: _____ Activity you would be willing to help with: _____

Return to school with your child. Thank you!

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P7 EARLY PARENT INTERVIEW 13 & 14 OCTOBER 2022

PUPIL NAME _____ PARENT NAME _____

I WANT TO REQUEST A TELEPHONE CALL OR FACE TO FACE INTERVIEW (circle as appropriate)

Underline your preferred date: 13 October or 14 October 2022

Return to school by 22.9.22

Parents please read, sign and return to school the following: P1-7 Parents PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY AND CONSENT

P4-7 Parents and children INTERNET SAFETY AGREEMENT (Internet Safety Leaflet is on the school website under Parents and internet Safety. Please also read 'Points for Parents to consider for Internet Safety' on the website in the same section.

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